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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member wants information about any particular place, he may please put a separate question."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Is it a fact that the Government have issued a circular to all district and other authorities to the effect that they can stop digging of wells which are included in the rural water-supply scheme?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. The work is being done in all places in accordance with the programme drawn up for the purpose."

Accommodation to the M.R.A. Team in Legislators' Hostel.

* 430 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Legislators' Hostel was rented to the delegates to the Moral Rearmament Conference and to the delegates of the Indian Roads Congress, and if so, the rate of rent per day per room collected from those occupants and the total amount of money received by the Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Legislators' Hostels were occupied by the Members of the Moral Rearmament Team from 20th January 1953 to 6th February 1953 and the delegates to the 17th Session of Indian Roads Congress from 6th February to 15th February 1953. Rent of Rs. 3 per head per day was collected from the members of the Moral Rearmament Team and from the delegates to the Indian Roads Congress. For delegates to the Road Congress who occupied rooms in the new Hostel a charge of Rs. 4 per day per head was made. The total amount collected was Rs. 10,100, Rs. 7,572 from the Moral Rearmament Team and Rs. 2,528 from the members of the Roads Congress."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Since the Government have charged less for the Americans and more for the delegates to the Indian Roads Congress, may I know whether it is their policy to give imperial preference to the Americans?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" We did not consider the fact that they were Americans. We considered the kind and utility of the work they were doing and we charged less."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether it was quite moral to collect rent from the delegates to the Moral Rearmament Conference?" (Laughter.)

Accommodation to the M.R.A. Team in the Legislators' Hostel.

* 431 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the rooms in the M.L.A. Hostel, Government Estate, Mount Road,

Madras, were rented to members of the Moral Rearmament Association during the interval between this session of the Assembly and the last one, and if so, what the rent collected per head per room was?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Attention is invited to answer to starred question No. 430."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" How is it that a hostel intended exclusively for the M.L.As. is being let out on rent to others? Is there any policy in regard to it? Will it be given on rent to anybody or any association without discrimination and without considering whether the persons concerned are social elements or unsocial elements?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" During non-session days, these rooms are let out to Government servants and people who are considered fit to occupy these rooms, and not to all people."

Communal rioting at Payyoli on 31st October 1952.

11-40 a.m. * 432 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the conditions in and around Payyoli, North Malabar, after the communal riot of 31st October 1952 have returned to normal;

(*b*) whether there has been any incident after 31st October 1952; and

(*c*) the steps taken by Government subsequent to 31st October 1952 to control the situation?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is aware of the fact that on 7th November 1952 I made a statement in the Assembly relating to Payyoli. My statement covered the period between 26th October 1952 and 1st November 1952.

" Since then Government have received reports that two houses were set fire to by some unknown persons. One of these houses belonged to a Muslim who is alleged to be concerned in an incident in which Kannan, a vakil's clerk, was stabbed to death on 31st October 1952. The other house belonged to his relation. Both houses were unoccupied.

" (*c*) All necessary preventive measures have been taken. Security proceedings have also been instituted against some persons in the same connexion. Detachments of the Armed Reserve of the Malabar Special Police were moved into the area and vigorous patrolling undertaken. A police station was immediately opened at the scene of trouble and all the accused in the murder case have been arrested. The Collector formed a peace committee with the help of influential local